CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	th_654178963_4_122_365lo.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1300932.008
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	The District Court at Dunedin
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	17 October 2013
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image explicitly depicts a man subjecting a girl to sexual activity. The intended purpose of the publication is to sexually arouse viewers with a prurient interest in children. It supports the notion that children are interested in adult sexual activity, and that they are legitimate subjects for adult sexual arousal. As such it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes, and is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act).

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, as set out in section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This outcome is consistent, however, with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.